

**AGENDA ITEM:** CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program

**GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:**

**CURRENT STATUS:** The CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program continues to support the sharing of resources among the member of California's 15 Cooperative Library Systems. All 15 Systems have submitted their 2001/02 Plans of Service for this and other CLSA System level programs. A complete summary of the Plans will be provided for the Board's review in August.

**PROGRAM TRENDS:** The \$13,000 augmentation to the CLSA System Communications and Delivery (C&D) Program budget remains in the May Revise of the Governor's proposed budget for 2001/02. The amount proposed is for the net increase in membership for newly formed independent library jurisdictions that have joined Cooperative Library Systems since July 1997. Since this proposal was submitted, the Board approved at its February 2001 meeting the membership of Irwindale Public Library with MCLS. It is staff's recommendation that the Board not request the State Library to prepare a Budget Change Proposal for the System C&D Program for 2002/03; but instead focus on the transitioning of the program to the Library of California.

**TRANSITION PROCESS:** Staff requests guidance from the Library of California Board in preparing a plan for the transition of this program and its funding to the Library of California for Board consideration, including when to stop requesting additional funds for the CLSA budget. It appears that funding for the CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program supports objectives included in the stated intent of the Telecommunications, Reference (Information and Referrals) and Regional Delivery mandatory program elements of the Library of California. In addition, the Library of California includes delivery costs as part of the compensation for Interlibrary Loan under Access Services. Therefore those program elements would be the most likely target areas for transitioning this particular CLSA program into the multitype network of the Library of California. Interlibrary loan compensation could be reimbursed directly from the state to each library or through the Regional Delivery mandatory program.

**RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:**

1. Summary of 2001/02 Plans of Service (August).
2. Consider 2001/02 budget (August).
3. Consider the transition process into a LoC funded program.

Relevant Committee: Support Services  
Staff Liaison: Sandy Habbestad